

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 8, 11, 17, 18 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The claims have been amended to obviate the Examiner's rejection.

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 16, 17 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Claims 9 and 21 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The claims have been amended to obviate the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection and have been rewritten to incorporate the language of the claims which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the amended claims and the claims dependent there from are in proper form. Thus, claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 11, 17, 18, 20 and 21 are considered to be patently distinguishable over the prior art of record.

The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

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